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Chapter 1431: An Issue

Kong Miao couldn't help but admire Zhao Hai's ability to twist words. Not to mention Xu Wuzun, even he felt that the Xu Race wouldn't suffer a loss if they moved to the World of Cultivation's stronghold.

Xu Wuzun looked at Zhao Hai and said, "What Mister said is reasonable. However, why can't the World of Cultivation come to Octopus Island? In that case, we can also work together against the enemy."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "You Excellency, you're right. The defenses of the Octopus Islands are also very strong. But don't forget, the high-grade realm behind us will send people to help. They might be unaware that we allied up so they would definitely go to our bases. If there's nobody there, then they might think that we retreated. In that case, they might leave. If that happens, then we might be finished."

Hearing Zhao Hai Xu Wuzun stared, then his complexion changed. It was at this point that he remembered that the World of Cultivation still had people behind them.

If they don't rely on the people behind the World of Cultivation, then the Xu Race and the World of Cultivation wouldn't be able to fight against the Hundred Treasures Realm. The ones with the people behind them was the World of Cultivation. Xu Wuzun forgot about this point.

A cold sweat dripped down from Xu Wuzun's face. Then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Alright, we comply. The Xu Race will move to the World of Cultivation's stronghold. But I hope that the World of Cultivation would give us a treatment fit for allies."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he returned behind Kong Miao. Zhao Hai knew that this was the time for Kong Miao to speak. After all, he didn't have the power to accept the Xu Race's condition. He needed to handle things with discretion.

Seeing Zhao Hai go behind him, Kong Miao understood what Zhao Hai meant. He nodded and then chanted Buddhist sutras as he said, "Amitabha, Benefactor Xu Wuzun can rest assured. Since you have become our allies, we'll treat you as a true ally. There's no need for you to worry about this."

Xu Wuzun nodded and said, "Then let me ask Grandmaster Kong Miao, how can we go to the World of Cultivation's stronghold?"

Kong Miao replied, "We will head to the Octopus Islands with Benefactor Xu. Then we'll use a transmission formation to arrive at the stronghold. I reckon that's the fastest and safest way to do it. What does Benefactor Xu think?"

Xu Wuzun nodded and said, "Alright, but we need to be quick. Although the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm arrived through a transmission formation, their base isn't very far from Octopus Islands. I'm afraid they already received news about what happened here. It would be a problem if they went to the Octopus Islands first."

Zhao Hai waved his hand and received all of the Undead. Then he took out the Hell King's ship and said, "Everyone, get in. We'll get to the Octopus Islands as soon as possible."

Xu Wuzun didn't say anything and just commanded the Xu Race to enter the Hell King's ship. After everyone embarked, Zhao Hai immediately controlled the ship to soar towards Octopus Islands.

When they stepped foot on the Hell King's Ship, Xu Wuzun and the others couldn't help but feel curious and looked around. Zhao Hai didn't block them. They can look all they want but they wouldn't be able to see any secrets on the ship.

Once the Hell King's ship went full power, its speed was very fast. It only took several hours before it reached the sea. And since the Octopus Islands were a bit offshore, it could be said that they were already stepping foot on the Xu Race's territory.

The Xu Race people were also very anxious. There were massive amounts of Xu Race experts surrounding the islands. Seeing Zhao Hai and the others arrive, they couldn't help but be afraid. They quickly grouped up. It was clear that they had yet to know about the alliance.

Naturally, it was time for Xu Wuzun to show himself. Xu Wuzun's position in the Xu Race was very high. Seeing him with the ship, the Xu Race experts immediately gave way.

It should be said that the Octopus Islands really looked like a giant octopus. Its main island was circular with a mountain in the middle. Around it were eight reef belts similar to an octopus' tentacles. It looked very bizarre.

Of course, the island's guarding formation has been activated. So Hell King's ship wasn't able to enter. It stopped outside the island as Xu Wuzun entered alone.

Because of the guardian formation, Zhao Hai and the others could only see a vague image of the island's terrain. However, they were worried as they stood waiting on the ship.

Before long, Xu Wuzun was followed by five older Xu Race Experts. These experts were all at Severed Soul Stage. Moreover, it was clear that their position in the Xu Race wasn't low.

Xu Wuzun led the group onto the Hell King's ship. Then he introduced them to Kong Miao and Zhao Hai, "Grandmaster Kong Miao, Mister Zhao Hai, these five people are the Xu Race's five Assembly Elders. They have something to ask Grandmaster Kong Miao. As long as Grandmaster answers truthfully, we'll immediately follow you back to your stronghold."

Kong Miao's expression wasn't that great. He didn't expect the Xu Race to interrogate him at this time. However, he still replied, "Elders, please ask."

The oldest of the Elders looked at Kong Miao, then he cupped his fist and said, "Grandmaster Kong Miao, we just have a small question. We want to know who's behind the World of Cultivation."

Kong Miao's expression couldn't help but change. This was because he didn't know the answer. There are only a handful of people from the World of Cultivation that can answer this question. Even someone like Xu Ning wasn't aware of the answer. He might have some ideas, but he wasn't certain if it's true.

But if he doesn't answer this question, then the Xu Race might not cooperate with them. This would be equal to the World of Cultivation losing a strong ally to stall the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Zhao Hai looked at Kong Miao's expression and could almost guess what he was thinking. Zhao Hai immediately opened his mouth and said, "Grandmaster, there's no need to hide the truth from them. Elder, since we're going into an alliance, I hope that you won't tell anyone about this conversation.

Otherwise, not only will the World of Cultivation go after you, the people behind us might not let you off as well.”

The Elder nodded and said, “Of course, we know how to keep secrets.”

Zhao Hai nodded, then he looked all around him before looking at the Elder and whispered, “Then I won’t hide it from you. The World of Cultivation’s backer is the Giant Spirit Realm. The Giant Spirit Realm is the enemy of the Hundred Treasures Realm. This is why the Hundred Treasures Realm decided to deal with us.”

The Xu Race Elder was relieved when he heard Zhao Hai. He nodded and said, “Thank you Mister for telling us the truth. I will immediately gather the others to follow you to your stronghold.”

Then he flew into the island to prepare for the migration. As for Xu Wuzun, he stayed on the ship. Naturally this was to cooperate with Zhao Hai and the others.

Kong Miao looked at Zhao Hai with a strange expression. Then he looked at Xu Wuzun before he sent a voice transmission towards Zhao Hai, “Little Hai, how did you know about the World of Cultivator’s backer? I don’t know about this. Did you say that to deceive them?”

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he replied, “I didn’t deceive them. The people standing behind the World of Cultivation are indeed from the Giant Spirit Realm. The reason I know this is because of the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm that I turned into Undead. They said that this is the reason why we’ve been targeted. Otherwise, the Hundred Treasure Realm wouldn’t care about a medium-grade realm like ours.”

Hearing what Zhao Hai said, Kong Miao couldn’t help but nod. He has seen the Undead that Zhao Hai had, and they were formidable, so he believed Zhao Hai. Then he said, “Thanks to you, the Xu Race is now willing to go with us.”

Zhao Hai smiled and said, “It’s nothing.” As the two of them were talking, the Hell King’s ship entered Octopus Islands. The main island really lives up to its name. It was a large mountain that bowed like the head of an octopus. On its surface were countless caves where Xu Race members could be seen going in and out from time to time.

Zhao Hai knew clearly why the Elder asked about the World of Cultivation's backing. The Elder knew the relationship between high-grade realms in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. If the World of Cultivation's backing was a high-grade realm that has nothing to do with the Hundred Treasures Realm, then the Xu Race might not have chosen to go with Zhao Hai and the others.

High-grade Realms were ruthless. If they had nothing to do with the Hundred Treasures Realm, then they might not care about the World of Cultivation even if they were attacked. After all, it wasn't worth offending another high-grade realm for the sake of a low or medium-grade realm.

But since the World of Cultivation's backing was the Giant Spirit Realm, then the situation was different. The Giant Spirit Realm were bitter enemies of the Hundred Treasures Realm. Both sides had been in conflict for a very long time. Now that the Hundred Treasures Realm went after a realm under their protection, the Giant Spirit Realm would certainly make a move.

Since they were worried about this matter, the Xu Race couldn't help but ask. If the World of Cultivation's backing wasn't the Giant Spirit Realm, then they wouldn't follow Zhao Hai. They would rather remain and ask the Hundred Treasure Realm for a chance to survive. If they really followed behind the World of Cultivation and their backing didn't help, then it's almost certain that they would be extinguished.

After Zhao Hai and Kong Miao followed Xu Wuzun into Octopus Island, they were immediately taken to the transmission formation. Kong Miao didn't hold back and had the people from the World of Cultivation come out to prepare the transmission formation. Since a transmission formation was already present, they only needed to make some changes before it was ready. Once the transmission formation was set up, Kong Miao immediately arranged for Xu Ning and the others to head towards the stronghold. Then he remained with Zhao Hai in order to aid the Xu Race in the migration.

Cultivators move quickly, and even more so in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. This was because there weren't any children nor old people to take care of. The weakest of them was at Nascent Soul Stage. It didn't take long before the Xu Race were prepared to move and Kong Miao led them into the transmission formation. With a flash of light, groups of Xu Race people left the island.

Altogether, there were 4000 Xu Race experts in the Octopus Islands. This included 400 Nascent Soul Experts, 30 Severed Soul Experts, and the rest were Transcending Tribulation Experts.

In the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, Transcending Tribulation Experts were as common as cabbage. You can find them everywhere. However, it must be known that for the World of Cultivation and the Xu

Race, they needed to allocate 95% of their Transcending Tribulation Experts into the battlefield. Because of this, there were a lot of Transcending Tribulation Experts present.

It was also because of this that the Xu Race conceded to the World of Cultivation after hundreds of their Transcending Tribulation experts were killed and around a thousand were trapped by Zhao Hai. This was because they knew clearly that if these people were lost, then their strength would be heavily damaged. If a medium-grade realm like them lost 2000 experts, then that would without a doubt be a huge disaster. This was practically half of their manpower. Because of this, the Xu Race needed to compromise to the World of Cultivation.

As fewer and fewer Xu Race experts remained in the Octopus Islands, Kong Miao and the others began to relax. Seeing that there were less than 500 Xu Race experts left, Kong Miao smiled faintly and said, "Things are going smoothly. When we arrive at the stronghold, we'll block the transmission formation to delay the Hundred Treasure Realm for a few days. By that time, the reinforcements from the Giant Spirit Realm should have arrived."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Right, we'll have to wait for the Giant Spirit Realm's reinforcements. This is a matter between two high-grade realms. We're merely shrimps in the surging current. But since we wiped out a thousand of their experts, the Hundred Treasures Realm wouldn't let us off easily. We can only hope that the Giant Spirit Realm would block them for us. Otherwise, he would be out of luck."

Just as he said that, Zhao Hai's expression changed. He turned to Kong Miao and said, "Grandmaster, the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm are heading here."

Chapter 1432: Infinity Technique

When Kong Miao heard Zhao Hai, his complexion couldn't help but change, then he asked, "How far are they from here?"

Zhao Hai immediately replied, "Less than four hours away."

Kong Miao looked at the Xu Race and then nodded as he said, "We should have enough time. Once they discover that the Xu Race has disappeared, their next target would be us. This place is far away from our stronghold, we still have to defend. I can only hope that the reinforcements from the Giant Spirit Realm would arrive sooner."

Zhao Hai nodded, then he turned to Xu Wuzun who was leading the Xu Race. Then he said, "Grandmaster, we should tell Xu Wuzun about this. This will give him enough motivation to urge his people."

Kong Miao nodded, then he said, "You do it." Zhao Hai nodded. Although he already demonstrated his strength, the Buddhists still held the World of Cultivation's authority here in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Kong Miao was being groomed by the Buddhists, so Zhao Hai had to be polite towards him. He doesn't want any misunderstandings to occur between the two of them.

Zhao Hai arrived by Xu Wuzun's side and then gave a salute before saying, "Your Excellency."

Xu Wuzun looked at Zhao Hai with a complex expression. He naturally knew that Zhao Hai was formidable. But through constant contact with him, he discovered that Zhao Hai wasn't only formidable, he was also very wise. In Xu Wuzun's mind, the real threat in the World of Cultivation's group wasn't Kong Miao and his Ten Thousand Transformations Staff, it was Zhao Hai.

Zhao Hai's most terrifying talent was persuading people to do what he wanted them to do. Even if you can find a reason to refute him, you would eventually find that it was useless in the end.

In the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, strength was respected. Zhao Hai's strength has won the respect of the Xu Race. Whether it was Xu Wuzun or other people, when facing Zhao Hai, they would have to give him a few points of respect.

Because of this, Xu Wuzun returned his salute and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, is there a problem?"

Zhao Hai looked around at the Xu Race people who were entering the transmission formation, then he sent Xu Wuzun a voice transmission, "Your Excellency, we need to speed up. The Hundred Treasures Realm is coming over. They would arrive here in about three hours."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Xu Wuzun's expression couldn't help but change. He replied, "Is your information accurate?"

Zhao Hai nodded, "You can rest assured. We're already allies in this situation, we get no benefits in deceiving you. We need to send everyone over in three hours."

Xu Wuzun nodded. He was really thankful that he clan agreed to the proposal of the World of Cultivation almost immediately. If things slowed down by a bit, then the Xu Race might have suffered an attack.

Xu Wuzun said, "How many people are coming?"

Zhao Hai replied with a serious tone, "There's no less than three thousand. They're all wearing masks. It seems like they still don't want to reveal their identity. They should have already known what happened to their thousand-man group. They're here to retaliate."

Xu Wuzun nodded. He didn't expect the Hundred Treasures Realm to send 3000 people this time. People from high-grade realms are truly overbearing. If it weren't for the World of Cultivation, then the Xu Race wouldn't be able to get some breathing room. Xu Wuzun couldn't help but rejoice.

Xu Wuzun replied to Zhao Hai, "I'll make everyone speed up. I'll guarantee that we'll finish in one hour. I ask Mister and Grandmaster to not worry about it."

Zhao Hai nodded, and then he said, "I'm not worried about the time. Instead, I want to leave behind a diversion once we leave. It would be good if we're able to hold off the Hundred Treasures Realm for a while. This would give us more time. Once the Hundred Treasures Realm discover that they couldn't do anything to you, they would certainly go for the World of Cultivation. Then we can buy even more time for the Giant Spirit Realm to arrive."

Xu Wuzun agreed to the plan. He looked all around him and said, "We can make arrangements right now. No matter what arrangements Mister Zhao Hai wants, it won't be a problem. As long as we can hold off the Hundred Treasures Realm, I don't mind having the Octopus Islands destroyed."

Zhao Hai nodded, "I'll go report back to Grandmaster Kong Miao before starting." Xu Wuzun nodded. Then Zhao Hai cupped his fist before turning around and leaving. At the same time, Xu Wuzun urged his people to move faster.

When Zhao Hai returned to Kong Miao's side, Kong Miao looked towards Xu Wuzun's direction and asked, "How did it go?"

Zhao Hai replied, "I've already informed them. Grandmaster, I'm planning on setting a trap in the Octopus Islands. This way, we can hold them off here for a while and buy us some time."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Kong Miao stared for a moment, then he frowned and said, "Will it work? You should know that the Hundred Treasures Realm can invite people from the Scouting Race. When the time comes, those guys can break the trap."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "We can give it a try. If it succeeds, then good. If not, then we lose nothing. In any case, the Hundred Treasures Realm will come after us."

Kong Miao nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll leave it to you." Zhao Hai nodded before flying up in the air.

Zhao Hai waved his hand as three Eight Cyan Imperial Chariots appeared along with the Hell King's ship. Then Zhao Hai had the ship and the chariots collide against each other.

Zhao Hai also released his Undead and had it fight with the 1000 Undead people from the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Xu Wuzun and the others couldn't help but pause when they saw Zhao Hai's actions. They didn't expect Zhao Hai to have such a formidable strength.

However, this wasn't the end. Zhao Hai began to form mudras. His hands formed seals, his eyes closed, and his face had a gentle smile.

Seeing Zhao Hai, Kong Miao knew that this was a Buddhist Technique. However, he wasn't able to recognize what technique it was. Then suddenly, Kong Miao's expression changed. He cultivated the Buddhist Path and had a solid understanding about its techniques. What Zhao Hai was using right now seemed to be a spirit technique. This technique didn't look strong. However, Kong Miao could feel the Octopus Island, everyone, everything, plants, trees, the mountains and rocks beginning to feel intimate with Zhao Hai.

This feeling was very bizarre, but it no doubt exists. This caused Kong Miao to be confused. Then he turned his head and looked at the surroundings. The entire region around the Octopus Islands seemed to become intimate with Zhao Hai. It was a formidable feeling that it almost felt tangible to Kong Miao.

Kong Miao had heard about such frightening techniques before. It was written on Buddhist records. A technique that allowed communication towards the myriad creations of the universe. However, this technique only existed in legends, only heard not seen.

Kong Miao heard about Buddhist Experts in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield that were able to use this technique. However, he didn't expect to see Zhao Hai do it. Kong Miao lowered his head and chanted the names of Buddha. He couldn't help but be more curious about Zhao Hai.

If it weren't for Zhao Hai's detailed background, Kong Miao would have thought that he was an undercover disciple of a formidable Buddhist Sect in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. But this thought rapidly vanished in Kong Miao's mind. If there's such an outstanding disciple like Zhao Hai in a Buddhist Sect, they would never be willing to let him go undercover alone.

What Zhao Hai was currently using was the Infinity Technique. The Infinity Technique was a supporting technique that allowed communication with the universe. Zhao Hai knew that the Scouting Race had powerful abilities and could uncover everything that happened in the Octopus Islands. And because he knows this, Zhao Hai used the Infinity Technique to see if the Scouting Race could break through it.

The Scouting Race's ability to reconstruct a scene was actually a type of Divergent Technique. But Divergent Techniques were greatly varied in levels. Zhao Hai was very confident in his Buddhist Techniques. After all, all of them had faith power as their core. Therefore, Zhao Hai wanted to see if the Scouting Race could defeat these faith power techniques. If it could be broken, then Zhao Hai needed to guard against this race. If it can't, then that would mean that Octopus Island would be able to hold off the Hundred Treasures Realm for a few days. When the time comes, the Giant Spirit Realm's reinforcements should have arrived.

After using the Infinity Technique, Zhao Hai returned to Kong Miao's side and said, "Grandmaster, everything is prepared." Kong Miao didn't say anything and just nodded as he turned towards Xu Wuzun and the others. Presently, only ten Xu Race members were left. After them, Zhao Hai, Kong Miao, and Xu Wuzun would enter. Once they leave, the Octopus Islands would be deserted.

Kong Miao and Zhao Hai arrived beside Xu Wuzun. Xu Wuzun looked at the Octopus Islands and sighed. Zhao Hai faintly knew what Xu Wuzun was thinking about. Octopus Islands have been the base of the Xu Race for a very long time. Now that they were leaving, it was understandable to feel uncomfortable inside.

Zhao Hai didn't push and just waited for Xu Wuzun as he gave a last glance towards their home. Xu Wuzun then looked at Kong Miao and Zhao Hai and said, "Let's go." A flash of white light appeared as they vanished from the formation.

Once Zhao Hai and the others left, a few Xu Race clansmen appeared and destroyed the transmission formation. Moreover, they made it appear that the formation was destroyed by the battle.

These Xu Race clansmen weren't actually alive. They were Zhao Hai's Undead. Since the Octopus Islands have been mapped, the Space could send in Undead whenever it wants. Zhao Hai sent the Xu Race Undead to destroy the transmission formation in order to make the Hundred Treasures Realm even more confused.

Chapter 1433: Kong Xiang's Surprise

A white light flashed as Zhao Hai's group appeared on the transmission formation. As soon as they appeared, Zhao Hai looked around. They were in a large cave probably more than ten thousand meters in floor area. There were plenty of transmission formations around along with people.

Once Zhao Hai and the others appeared, they were immediately greeted by several monks. One of the monks went to Kong Miao and said, "I have seen Senior Brother Kong Miao."

Kong Miao nodded, then he smiled and said, "So it's Junior Brother Kong Xiang. Junior Brother, have our Xu Race friends been accommodated?"

Kong Xiang quickly replied, "Senior Brother can rest assured, they've been well taken care of. We gave them their own place to settle in. They have already rested."

Kong Miao nodded, then he turned to Xu Wuzun and said, "Your Excellency, you rest first. We'll talk about our plans later. What do you think?"

Xu Wuzun also wanted to see the state of his people, so he nodded and said, "That would be best. Then I'll ask to be excused." Xu Wuzun gave Zhao Hai and Kong Miao a salute before he was guided to where the Xu Race were by a Buddhist monk.

On the other hand, Kong Xiang couldn't help but feel confused about Zhao Hai. This was because he clearly saw Xu Wuzun giving a salute to Kong Miao and Zhao Hai separately.

Kong Xiang was a Transcending Tribulation Expert and Kong Miao's junior which means he's younger than Kong Miao. At his age, cultivating to the Transcending Tribulation Stage meant that he was a genius. However, Xu Wuzun didn't greet him. This was because Xu Wuzun was a Severed Soul Expert. People like Xu Wuzun couldn't spare a random Transcending Tribulation Expert a glance.

Kong Xiang could see that Zhao Hai was only a Nascent Soul Expert. Although he heard a lot about Zhao Hai and knew how strong he was, Kong Xiang still didn't believe that Zhao Hai was strong enough to have a Severed Soul Expert give him a salute. However, this exact thing happened right now. This caused Kong Xiang to stare for a while. He didn't know what to say.

Seeing Xu Wuzun Leave and looking at Kong Xiang's reaction, Kong Miao smiled faintly and said, "Junior Brother, this is Mister Zhao Hai. I think I don't need to introduce his status anymore. Go arrange a room for him."

Kong Xiang was shocked once more by Kong Miao's words. Kong Miao talked as if Zhao Hai was an important person. To be honest, Kong Xiang couldn't see it. However, he immediately complied and said, "Alright, Senior Brother can rest assured."

Kong Miao nodded, then he looked at Zhao Hai and said, "You go rest first. This way, you'll be prepared when the battle starts."

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "Grandmaster can rest assured. This Zhao Hai will be waiting for your summons."

Kong Miao nodded, then he turned to Kong Xiang and said, "Among those who came, there's Li Zongdao and Mo Sheng. Those two are friends of Zhao Hai. If possible arrange a place for them to be in. Have Mo Sheng live with Zhao Hai."

Kong Xiang's expression calmed down. He discovered that Kong Miao was indeed quite fond of Zhao Hai. If he failed to treat Zhao Hai, then he would be in trouble. So he immediately nodded.

Kong Xiang was already aware that Li Zongdao and Mo Sheng were well taken care of. This was because Xu Ning and Jianyi requested for the two to be treated well. Now that he has heard of Kong Miao, Kong Xiang decided to be more careful in dealing with Zhao Hai's group.

Kong Miao gave Zhao Hai a salute before leaving. When Kong Xiang saw this, his eyes almost fell from its sockets. How could Kong Miao salute a Nascent Soul Expert? Kong Xiang suddenly felt that the world had been overturned.

When Kong Miao left, Zhao Hai turned to Kong Xiang and gave him a salute as he said, "Zhao Hai has seen Master Kong Xiang."

Kong Xiang recovered and hastily returned the salute, "Kong Xiang has seen Mister Zhao Hai. Mister is too polite. Mister, come with me." Then he led Zhao Hai towards a small tunnel.

Zhao Hai followed Kong Xiang and made sure to be half a step behind him. He looked very polite. Kong Xiang looked at Zhao Hai and couldn't help but be even more puzzled. He couldn't understand how such a person could get Kong Miao's attention. Was he really that strong?

Zhao Hai didn't know what was inside Kong Xiang's mind. At this time, he was looking at the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm. They were now an hour away from the Octopus Islands. The Hundred Treasures Realm dispatched a total of 3000 people. Although they were still wearing masks, Zhao Hai was certain that they would no longer use glaives.

To cultivators, using weapons that were unfamiliar to them would have a huge effect on their combat power. If the initial group from the Hundred Treasures Realm were using small artifacts, then Zhao Hai might not have dealt with them that easily.

Now that the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm were intending to eliminate the Xu Race, they would certainly use the weapons they're most familiar with. They would no longer hamper themselves with an unfamiliar artifact.

However, Zhao Hai didn't find anyone from the Scouting Race in this group. The last time Zhao Hai saw those people, they were wearing distinct attires, so Zhao Hai was certain that none of the Scouting Race were present. Not only did this make Zhao Hai confused, he began to doubt whether the Hundred Treasures Realm was really aware of what had happened.

Zhao Hai couldn't help but knit his brows. He recalled the battle he had with the first group from the Hundred Treasures Realm. He had the Undead surround the place, so no bystanders could enter the region. Moreover, the Undead held artifacts that could block spiritual force. Even if the bystander had powerful spiritual force, they still wouldn't be able to search the entire battlefield. Because of this, bystanders should be unaware of what was happening. So how did the Hundred Treasures Realm know about the situation.

The reason Zhao Hai thought of this was because he made some alterations to the battlefield. Although everyone stayed in the battlefield after the battle, Zhao Hai cleaned up the battlefield of traces. Moreover, Zhao Hai also used the Infinity Technique without Kong Miao and the others noticing.

At that time, Kong Miao and the others were inside the Undead, so they weren't able to sense what happened outside.

As long as one entered the Undead, even if their spiritual force was formidable, Zhao Hai could still manipulate what they sensed outside.

Zhao Hai doesn't want anyone to know that he cleaned up the battlefield. Therefore, the Undead camouflage the entire region from spiritual force.

This camouflage doesn't hide everything completely. It just made it harder for spiritual force probes to get a sense of what was happening inside. Therefore, it was still useful against Transcending Tribulation Experts and Severed Soul Experts.

However, this camouflage couldn't be done for a very long time. Otherwise, people would start to have suspicions.

Because of this, hiding against spiritual force was quite difficult. Average people would dare use it lightly. Even Zhao Hai had to limit himself from using it. After cleaning up the battlefield, he immediately stopped hiding from the spiritual force.

With all of his preparations, Zhao Hai was sure that even if the Hundred Treasures Realm searched for the Xu Race, it would be impossible for them to do so on the battlefield.

Now, the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm came without anyone from the Scouting Race. Were they planning to eradicate the Xu Race in the very beginning?

Actually, this was something to do with Zhao Hai's lack of understanding regarding high-grade realms. These high-grade realms couldn't be reasoned with. If they wanted to deal with anyone, they wouldn't need any excuse to do so. They could just cause a massacre.

However, things became more special when it came to war. Although the bystanders haven't seen the masked people from the Hundred Treasures Realm, they still saw the Xu Race riding on the Hell King's Ship along with the people from the World of Cultivation. This was enough for the Hundred Treasures Realm to deal with the Xu Race. There's no need for them to have any reason or so on. They just came to eliminate the Xu Race.

As Zhao Hai thought of these things, they already arrived outside a cave residence. Kong Xiang gave Zhao Hai a salute and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, this is your cave mansion. If you need anything, don't hesitate to tell this little monk. You can also explore the stronghold. However, there are places that are forbidden. You shouldn't enter them or else you'll be attacked by the formations."

Zhao Hai nodded, "Thank you, Master Kong Xiang. Master, when can my two friends come?"

Since the Hundred Treasures Realm were intending to cause a slaughter, Zhao Hai needed to keep Li Zongdao and Mo Sheng close to him. This way, Zhao Hai would have nothing to worry about.

Kong Xiang smiled and said, "Mister can rest assured. They'll arrive here soon." Just as he said that, Zhao Hai saw Li Zongdao and Mo Sheng being led over by another monk.

Zhao Hai nodded to the two before turning to Kong Xiang and saying, "Master Kong, thanks a lot. There's no need to arrange separate caves for them. They'll be living with me."

Hearing Zhao Hai, Kong Xiang stared, but he didn't decline. He nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll have to trouble Benefactor Zhao Hai. Just call any monk over if you need anything. If they can't do it, just call for me. Alright, this little monk will no longer disturb you three." Then he bowed towards Zhao Hai before leaving.

Zhao Hai also returned the bow before turning to Li Zongdao and Mo Sheng. Then he smiled and said, "Let's head in and rest. I'm afraid we would be fighting a tough battle in a couple of days."

Li Zongdao nodded as the three entered the cave together.

Chapter 1434: Bizarre Octopus Islands

Tang Jie flew straight forward. To be honest, he was really angry right now. Not to the others, but to the higher-ups. Tang Jie was a well-known expert among the younger generation from the Hundred Treasures Realm. He was a powerful expert in the Severed Soul Stage. But now, he was given such a task? Attacking a lower realm's base already made him lose face. Were the higher-ups looking down on him?

In Tang Jie's mind, those old fogies from high up had gone stagnant. They no longer have ambitions. So how could they achieve great things?

They made the Xu Race deal with the World of Cultivation. The World of Cultivation was just a rank 5 realm under the Giant Spirit Realm, and it was even one of the weaker ones. What's the point in dealing with a realm like that? If they want to do something, then they need to do it big. Just go to the Giant Spirit World and battle it out. Then everything would be solved. Dealing with smaller realms like the World of Cultivation gave no sense of achievement.

Tang Jie's assignment this time contained several orders. First, he was to find out about the 1000-man team that came before and see if they were still alive or dead.

Second, he needs to clean up the Xu Race. The 1000-man group went missing because of the Xu Race. Also, the Xu Race knew the identity of the masked group. Therefore, the Xu Race couldn't continue to survive.

Third, eliminated the World of Cultivation. The World of Cultivation dared to fight them, this was something the Hundred Treasures Realm couldn't allow. Doing so would establish prestige for the Hundred Treasures Realm as well as prevent the World of Cultivation from investigating the matter and reporting to the Giant Spirit Realm. If that happens, then it would have a great effect on the Hundred Treasures Realm's further plans.

Actually, there's a purpose in the Hundred Treasures Realm's plan in dealing with the World of Cultivation. They would have the Xu Race eliminate the World of Cultivation and then the Hundred Treasures Realm would eliminate the Xu Race. And as long as the World of Cultivation suffers damage, the Hundred Treasures Realm would release rumors that the Giant Spirit Realm didn't save the World of Cultivation. This was a plan that would dirty the name of the Giant Spirit Realm.

When the time comes, the subordinate realms of the Giant Spirit Realm would have doubts. If a high-grade realm couldn't protect them, then what's the point of being their subordinate?

To put it bluntly, the World of Cultivation was just an unlucky realm that was chosen by the Hundred Treasures Realm to besmirch the name of the Giant Spirit Realm. The Hundred Treasures Realm already has a step-by-step plan after this. As long as this stage becomes successful, subordinate realms of the Giant Spirit Realm would no doubt surrender to the Hundred Spirits Realm. Even the World of Cultivation might submit. It was for this reason that the masked group used glaives when fighting the World of Cultivation.

Glaives were heavy weapons, a type of weapon that the Giant Spirit Realm liked to use. The Hundred Treasures Realm had their people use glaives in order to plant disaster on the Giant Spirit Realm's side.

Originally, this plan was going smoothly. The World of Cultivation wasn't prepared for it. And with the Xu Race taking action, damaging the World of Cultivation was practically certain. The Hundred Treasures Realm was even willing to send people in order to help clean up the remnants of the World of Cultivation.

After that, they would reach out to the World of Cultivation and help in eliminating the Xu Race. Doing so would make the Xu Race a scapegoat while also removing a potential informant. Then they would

start a rumor to group up the low and medium-grade realms. Although these realms didn't seem strong, they were very powerful when united.

Most importantly, through this matter, the prestige of the Giant Spirit Realm would be damaged. When the time comes, the subordinate realms of the Giant Spirit Realm would be in disunity. This would be the time to attack the Giant Spirit Realm.

For many years, the Hundred Treasures Realm and the Giant Spirit Realm had been fighting. Throughout this period, the Hundred Treasures Realm hadn't been able to take any advantages. They even suffered heavy casualties. The grudge between these two realms run deep to the bones. It was simply impossible for the two to reconcile. The Hundred Treasures Realm crafted this plan for many years in order to deal great damage to the Giant Spirit Realm.

But how could the Hundred Treasures Realm expect their plan to be ruined by Zhao Hai. This never crossed the minds of the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Because their plan was derailed, they need to change it. They sent out 3000 experts led by about 50 Severed Soul Experts in order to eliminate the Xu Race and then the World of Cultivation. After that, they would continue on spreading rumors.

And this time they sent Tang Jie in order to complete his mission. Tang Jie was angered by this assignment, not knowing that it was because the higher-ups were expecting great things from him. This was a very important mission.

Tang Jie didn't make any investigations and just immediately charged towards the Octopus Islands. Tang Jie waved his hand as his men immediately dispersed and surrounded the island.

However, the region was eerily peaceful. Not a person's shadow could be seen. Tang Jie didn't dare treat this lightly. They were aware of who they're dealing with. What was the Xu Race most known about? It was their stealth. Since the Xu Race were very good at hiding themselves, Tang Jie needed to be careful.

Since Tang Jie knew about the Xu Race's stealth, he chose to immediately head towards the Octopus Islands. Tang Jie knew that this place was something that the Xu Race couldn't give up. It doesn't matter

if the Xu Race were good at hiding themselves. As long as the Octopus Islands was in danger, the Xu Race would certainly appear.

Although the Hundred Treasures Realm was being careful, they didn't care about the Xu Race's strength. They knew clearly that the other party was lacking compared to them.

This was also the difference between a high-grade realm and a lower-grade realm. High-grade realms were better in all aspects. They had the best cultivation methods, defensive equipment, weapons, pills, and so on. This caused the combat strength of people from high-grade realms to be greater than those from lower-grade realms. A Transcending Tribulation Expert of the Xu Race wouldn't be able to face a Transcending Tribulation Expert from the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Back when they were heading towards the Octopus Islands, the Hundred Treasures Realm didn't suffer any attacks. This caused Tang Jie to be anxious.

And now that they reached the islands, the Xu Race couldn't be seen. This caused Tang Jie and his group to be surprised. Was the Xu Race planning to use their guardian formation to trap them inside? Impossible. Guardian formations usually keep most people out. With the Xu Race only being a medium-grade realm, they should have activated their guardian formation by now. It's impossible for the Xu Race to lure Tang Jie and the others in and then trap them inside. The Xu Race didn't possess the strength to do it.

Although he was thinking about this, Tang Jie's speed didn't decrease. Before long, the group was about to reach the island. Tang Jie kept his vigilance. He looked around and found that if the island had a guardian formation, then its scope should be around here.

Tang Jie was disappointed that they still hadn't met any attacks. The entire Octopus Islands looked like an undefended city that they could easily go in and out.

However, upon entering the main island, the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm were met with shock. This was because traces of battle could be seen on the island. This caused Tang Jie and the others to be puzzled.

From the information they received, there was a huge battle that happened not far from the islands. This was where the 1000 masked individuals participated. After the battle ended, the Xu Race entered

the large ship artifact of the World of Cultivation and then they flew to the Octopus Islands. But then, the 1000 masked individuals disappeared. This was the reason why Tang Jie and the others were sent over.

The Xu Race returned to the Octopus Islands along with the World of Cultivation. This meant that the Xu Race had sold the Hundred Treasures Realm out. But from what Tang Jie and the others could see, a fight happened on the island.

If the World of Cultivation and the Xu Race were indeed in an alliance, then there's no need for the two realms to fight. Moreover, was the World of Cultivation that strong to bring the fight to the Octopus Islands?

Tang Jie looked around carefully. The destruction towards the islands wasn't very serious. However, it could be seen that large artifacts clashed here. This caused Tang Jie to be even more puzzled.

Before using the Xu Race, the Hundred Treasures Realm did an investigation on their strength. They found out that the Xu Race wasn't that strong, nor did they have any large artifacts in hand. It was because of this lack of large artifacts that the Xu Race lost against the World of Cultivation.

In order to deal with the World of Cultivation, the Hundred Treasures realm took out three Eight Cyan Imperial Chariots. If the World of Cultivation eliminated the 1000 masked group, then the chariots would be in their hands. In this case, how would traces of collision between large artifacts appear here? What was going on?

Tang Jie didn't know what was going on. In fact, it wasn't only him that was confused. Everyone on his team couldn't make sense of what they were seeing.

While Tang Jie was wondering, a voice was heard on his side, "Senior Brother, the situation here is extremely strange. I reckon we should report it to the higher-ups and wait for their decision. At most we would waste a couple hours. What do you think?"

Tang Jie sobered up as he nodded. Then he looked around and took out a jade sword message to write his report in. He wrote about the situation of the island as well as the lack of Xu Race members. He also asked if they need the Scouting Race to help. Then he released the jade sword message.

After releasing the jade sword message, Tang Jie turned to his junior and said, "Tang Wen, have everyone check around the Octopus Islands to search for clues. Get a team of 500 people to see if they can find the battlefield not far from here. It's strange, when we were heading here, we should have passed through that battlefield. But why didn't we detect any traces of battle on the way here?"

Tang Wen nodded and said, "It is indeed strange. There's something fishy going on. I'll take care of it." Tang Jie nodded, then he slowly flew towards the main island to look for clues.

After looking around for some time, Tang Jie was certain that a massive battle had occurred in the Octopus Islands.

But besides this, he didn't couldn't find anything else. This made Tang Jie very worried. He felt the surroundings. He was a Severed Soul Expert, so his spiritual force was formidable. Mostly, even without the help of his people, as long as he scanned an area with his spiritual force, he would be able to gain a lot of information.

But this time, this move didn't work. There were traces of a large battle in the Octopus Islands. There were energy fluctuations caused by magic artifacts used by the Xu Race, World of Cultivation, and the Hundred Treasures Realm. All of these fluctuations caused a chaotic mark on the surroundings. Therefore, it became impossible to find anything out.

Tang Jie couldn't help but curse. Although he came out this time to deal with the Xu Race and the World of Cultivation, finding the missing 1000 people was also an important assignment. They thought that the 1000 people have already been killed. However, there were signs of them in the Octopus Islands. This caused Tang Jin and the others to be stuck here looking for clues.

Tang Jie calmed himself down. He knew that the only thing to do right now was to wait for the Scouting Race to arrive. Once they arrive, things would start to make sense.

Before long, Tang Wen arrived by Tang Jie's side and reported, "Senior Brother, 500 people have already been sent out but they don't have any harvests. They still haven't found the battlefield. They retraced the road we came from, but there really are no fluctuations present."

Tang Jie nodded, then he knit his brows and said, "Things don't add up. The information we received was that the Xu Race worked together with the World of Cultivation. Moreover, our people fought

outside the island. There should be no traces of fight here. Yet there's traces of our artifacts being used in this place. This is too suspicious."

Tang Wen agreed, "It's not normal. The aura here is very strange. Senior Brother, we should make everyone stay vigilant. The best thing to do is to have people guard the surroundings and also set up a defensive formation. This was, even if people came to deal with us, it wouldn't be easy."

Chapter 1435: Proof of Allegiance

Tang Jie nodded. The situation in the Octopus Islands was indeed strange. He was beginning to be confused. Was this a trap? It was better to be more careful.

Seeing Tang Jie nod, Tang Wen said, "I'll go arrange it." Tang Jie waved his hand. The relationship between the two was very good. They were both disciples under the same Master. Moreover, back when he was little, Tang Wen has always been defended by Tang Jie whenever he was bullied. Because of this, the two grew up quite close.

Tang Jie was quite an arrogant person, but his commanding ability was actually very good. He was also very strong. Tang Wen was intelligent and wise. His thoughts were prudent and meticulous. However, he was lacking in aggressiveness. He was well suited to be a strategist. Because of this, as Tang Wen followed Tang Jie, he was the one offering advice on how to go through with the operation.

It didn't take long before Tang Wen returned to Tang Jie's side. Then he said, "Senior Brother, I have good news. The damage to the island's guardian formation wasn't serious. We can make use of it as long as we do simple repairs. Should we fix it? We can use this place as a temporary base."

Hearing Tang Wen, Tang Jie couldn't help but stare. Then he frowned and said, "The guardian formation wasn't seriously damaged? Does that mean that the Xu Race fought our people and then battled again here? How can that be? That's strange. Little Wen, go fix the guardian formation first. Let's make the islands a temporary base."

Tang Wen nodded, then he turned around and left. Tang Jie continued exploring the island but still didn't find anything. He could only give up. At this point, he hoped that the Scouting Race would arrive sooner. He wanted to find out what exactly happened in the Octopus Islands.

In fact, it wasn't only Tang Jie and Tang Wen who found the situation with the island to be somewhat strange. The others also sense something wrong. Don't forget that most of these people were Transcending Tribulation Experts that had strong spiritual force as well as rich experience. With their spiritual force, they knew that something happened on the island and were as puzzled as Tang Jie when they arrived.

Before long, the island's guardian formation was repaired. But this time, the formation needed people manually controlling it. Unlike when the Xu Race set it up where it allowed people with identification to come in and out at any time.

However, Tang Jie was still satisfied with this. He gave another order for people to stand guard while others find a place to rest.

Although Zhao Hai altered the island by performing a fake battle, the destruction caused wasn't that heavy. Most buildings were still usable. And with cave residences already sturdy, it wasn't hard for Tang Jie's team to find a place to stay in.

It didn't take long for the Octopus Islands to become peaceful. Besides the patrol, nobody else could be seen.

At this time, Tang Jie gathered together with Tang Wen and the other high ranking members of the team. It was here that people could see how stronger the Hundred Treasures Realm was compared to the World of Cultivation. The 3000-man group from the Hundred Treasured Realm was organized like an army led by captains. It was unlike the World of Cultivation and the Xu Race where their army was composed of a rag-tag group of fighters that was hastily summoned. They don't even have captains in charge of groups.

Tang Jie sat on a mat as he looked at everyone present. Then he said, "Everyone should already be aware of the current situation. From what we can sense, a battle happened here. However, this doesn't come in line with the information we received. I asked people from the Scouting Race to come over. But before they arrive, everyone needs to defend this island. Perhaps we can find clues about what happened to the first team that came here."

Everyone nodded. At this time, Tang Wen looked at Tang Jie and said, "Senior Brother, what do we do about the World of Cultivation? One of our missions this time is to prevent the World of Cultivation from sending word to the Giant Spirit Realm. If those fellows respond, then we would be in a disadvantageous position."

Tang Jie sighed and said, "I'm afraid the Giant Spirit Realm is already aware. The moment the Xu Race and the World of Cultivation cooperated, our identity has already been revealed. Knowing this, the World of Cultivation would certainly report it as soon as possible. It's already too late for us to do anything."

Hearing Tang Jie, Tang Wen kept quiet. He wasn't a fool. Conversely, he was very intelligent. He was aware that Tang Jie was speaking reality. The moment the World of Cultivation came in contact with the Xu Race, they would immediately ask about their backing. The Xu Race were people with little to no morals, so they wouldn't mind selling the Hundred Treasures Realm out.

And once the World of Cultivation gets the information they want, they would immediately report it. It's impossible for the Giant Spirit Realm to be unaware of this. It wasn't news in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield that the Hundred Treasures Realm wasn't fond of the Giant Spirit Realm.

Tang Wen thought about this before, but he was hoping that the World of Cultivation was still unaware of this matter. This was where Tang Wen and Tang Jie differed. A military strategist might gamble on luck, but a commander couldn't be like this. A commander needed to consider the worst possible outcome.

Hearing what Tang Jie said, the mood of the entire room sank. Everyone's expressions weren't attractive to look at. Tang Jie looked at everyone and then coldly snorted as he said, "So what if the Giant Spirit Realm knows? We've fought against the Giant Spirit Realm many times. I heard that the situation in the Giant Spirit Realm isn't very good right now. They seem to be short on manpower. So what are you afraid of?"

Tang Jie's words woke everyone up. They weren't that old and still had vigor. So when they heard Tang Jie, their blood began to burn with fire.

If it was any other realm, then they wouldn't have been this careful. But this time, they're against their bitter enemy, the Giant Spirit Realm. They suffered many losses during their battles. If they could rout the Giant Spirit Realm this time, then they would be making history.

Seeing everyone's reaction, Tang Jie smiled faintly. He knew that his plan had become a success. He managed to raise their morale. During battle, especially against the Giant Spirit Realm, a change in morale could mean a tragic loss or an overwhelming victory.

Although it was said that the Giant Spirit Realm was lacking in manpower, a starved camel was still larger than a horse. One shouldn't tread lightly when faced with an enemy like that.

Seeing that morale was no longer a problem, Tang Jie said, "The World of Cultivation is no more than a pebble in the road we chose. They're not a big deal. So there's no need to worry about them. What's important right now was to find out what happened to the group that came before us. We can destroy the World of Cultivation whenever we can. So it won't be too late if we do it after. If they really dared to face us, then they would just be courting death."

Everyone nodded. To be honest, they didn't think much about the World of Cultivation. Although they knew about Zhao Hai's large artifacts, those things weren't uncommon in high-grade realms. Zhao Hai was just able to control them much better.

For a high-grade realm like the Hundred Treasures Realm, the World of Cultivation was the same as a basket full of rabbits. When they have time, they could kill these rabbits. Although rabbits might bite back, it was impossible for them to kill a person.

Tang Jie looked at everyone and said, "After what happened, the Giant Spirit Realm should be aware of our actions. Everyone has to get ready to fight at any time. We might be facing a difficult battle, so we need to prepare the Octopus Island as a temporary base."

The people nodded. Tang Jie waved his hand and said, "Alright, everyone should take a rest. Arrange people to patrol the area and wait for the Scouting Race to arrive. Until then, we'll study what actions to do next." Everyone nodded and then proceeded to leave. Meanwhile, Tang Wen was kept back by Tang Jie.

Once only the two of them were left, Tang Jie's expression turned solemn, he looked at Tang Wen and said, "Little Wen, after a while, go out and construct a transmission formation. Remember to place it in a hidden area. This will be our escape route."

When he heard what Tang Jie said, Tang Wen couldn't help but stare. He looked at Tang Jie and said, "Senior Brother, are you saying that we've stepped on a trap?"

Tang Jie let out a long breath and said, "I'm not sure, but things are becoming very strange. However, I'm certain that it has something to do with the World of Cultivation. I don't know what goal they have in mind, but we'd rather prepare for the worst. There are no free meals in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. I believe the group before us has gotten into a great trouble. If the World of Cultivation intends to side with the Giant Spirit Realm, then they could use our people as a proof of allegiance. Therefore, we need to be careful."

Tang Wen knit his brows and said, "Would they dare? We have 3000 people, I can't imagine them attacking the Octopus Islands at this time."

Tang Jie shook his head, then he sighed and said, "People pushed to the corner would do anything to survive."

Chapter 1436: Immortal Stage

Zhao Hai calmly spied on Tang Jie's meeting with his men. Ever since entering the Octopus Islands, Tang Jie's group has been under surveillance by Zhao Hai. Every word and action was seen by Zhao Hai.

Hearing what Tang Jie said last, Zhao Hai faintly smiled. He didn't expect his arrangement in the Octopus Islands to work this effectively.

Zhao Hai let out a long breath now that he knew that the stronghold was safe in the meantime. However, the Hundred Treasures Realm certainly wouldn't let them off. But Zhao Hai was still happy that he was able to win some time for them.

At this time, a voice was heard outside the cave residence, "Is Mister Zhao Hai in? Some people want to invite you over to ask for some questions."

As soon as he heard this voice, Zhao Hai knew that it was Kong Xiang. He quickly moved and appeared in front of the cave. He gave Kong Xiang a salute and said, "Master Kong Xiang."

Kong Xiang returned the salute and said, "Mister Zhao Hai, come with me." Zhao Hai nodded and followed behind Kong Xiang.

They took multiple turns and before long, Zhao Hai could see a mountain. This mountain wasn't very tall. All around its surface were numerous holes that made it look like a honeycomb. But on the top of the mountain was a large palace. It was brilliant and beautiful.

Kong Xiang led Zhao Hai towards the palace. Zhao Hai knew quite a lot about the stronghold by bow. He knew that living inside the palace were the highest ranked people from the World of Cultivation that resided in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

The two arrived right outside the palace. The guards outside the palace were actually Transcending Tribulation Experts. Kong Xiang gave a salute to these guards before they walked inside.

After passing through the palace, the two arrived at the furthestmost room. The room looked very ordinary from the outside, it was almost unnoticeable. However, when Kong Xiang arrived outside the room, his expression became respectful as he announced, "Zhao Hai has arrived."

A voice answered from inside, "Ask Mister Zhao Hai to come in."

Kong Xiang bowed and said, "Please head in to the side and give a salute." Naturally, Zhao Hai knew what this place represented. So he didn't hesitate as he pushed the door and went in.

It was a quiet room with several old monks inside. These monks were evidently aged. Although they wore the same robes, these robes looked worn out. Their faces were all wrinkled. Their heads were shaved clean but they all had full beards. Moreover, their eyebrows were very long.

Naturally, Zhao Hai didn't pay attention to their appearance. What he minded was their strength. He couldn't see through these monks. Their auras were chaotic, he simply couldn't see their strength.

Zhao Hai's heart turned cold. He knew what this meant. These old monks were certainly at the Immortal Stage. Otherwise he wouldn't have this feeling.

Although a Transcending Tribulation Expert could reach the Immortal Stage as long as they practiced, Zhao Hai knew that this was only said to comfort people. The Transcending Tribulation Stage was the Transcending Tribulation Stage while the Immortal Stage was the Immortal Stage.

There truly was no bottleneck between the Transcending Tribulation Stage and the Immortal Stage, but in order to reach the Severed Soul Stage from the Transcending Tribulation Stage, one would need to increase their spiritual qi by 100 times. Although this seemed astonishing, it could be done. As long as one uses massive amounts of pills, they could even shorten the time it would take.

However, reaching the Immortal Stage from the Severed Soul Stage could no longer be supplemented by pills. This was because the gap was too big. From the Severed Soul Stage to the Immortal Stage, one's spiritual force needs to increase by a million times. There could only be so many pills one could take in their life, so using pills in order to reach the Immortal Stage was impossible.

The Immortal Stage didn't refer to having eternal life. Once one reaches this stage, they would be able to live to 1296 years old. This was just an average, but generally they don't live over 2592 years.

These old monks were at the Immortal Stage. Moreover, it seems like they were more than 1000 years old. If one closes their eyes, they wouldn't even be able to sense these old monks.

Zhao Hai bowed and said, "Zhao Hai has seen the Grandmasters. What does the Grandmasters need from me?"

The old monks looked at Zhao Hai. Then one of them said, "Benefactor Zhao Hai, I heard that you study Buddhist Cultivation Methods. May we know what it's called?"

Zhao Hai respectfully replied, "Replying to the Grandmaster. The Buddhist Cultivation Method that I practice is called the Arhat Divine Art."

The old monk still had his eyes closed, but he replied, "I'm afraid Benefactor's words aren't sincere. There has never been divine arts in the Buddhist Path. Benefactor, please reconsider."

Hearing what the old monk said, Zhao Hai's heart couldn't help but jump. He had a feeling that he couldn't offend these people. His heart turned cold. He suspected that he was under a type of spiritual attack. He carefully chose his words, "I ask Grandmaster to excuse me. In order to protect myself, I had to change the name. The cultivation method that this one uses is actually a half set of techniques that I managed to come across accidentally. The set consists of the Descending Dragon Technique, Crouching Tiger Technique, Pagoda Technique, Infinity Technique, Bright Sword Technique, and the Demon

Subjugation Technique. Since this one felt like they were related to Buddhist Arhats, I took it upon myself to name it the Arhat Divine Arts.”

The old monks didn’t speak for some time upon hearing Zhao Hai. However, the buddhist beads in their hands were still calmly turning.

After some time, the monk who spoke before opened his mouth and said, “Benefactor has spoken well. Thank you for rethinking your words. May I ask the Benefactor which technique allowed you to control large artifacts?”

Zhao Hai felt the spiritual pressure on him increasing. It seems like he would be dealt with the moment he lied. However, Zhao Hai kept his mind and body calm as he replied, “Replying to Grandmaster. This one’s method of using large artifacts came from the Pagoda Technique. It allows its user to control large artifacts with great mastery.”

The old monk replied, “Can Benefactor let us see the technique?”

Zhao Hai felt the pressure on him increase even more. Even most Severed Soul Experts wouldn’t be able to withstand it. He was now certain that if he spoke wrongly this time then these old monks would be suspicious. With his present strength, he wouldn’t be able to escape from these monks. Therefore, he didn’t hesitate and answered, “Yes, Grandmaster.”

The old monk took out a jade slip and said, “Please write the technique into this jade slip.” Zhao Hai received the jade slip and then closed his eyes as he wrote the technique into it.

Naturally, he didn’t write the entire technique, but just a variant of the original one. This variant technique has already been analyzed by the universal scanner. It was far from the real Pagoda Technique, but it was still a good technique for controlling large artifacts. Most importantly, this variant technique didn’t use faith power, just spiritual qi.

This was something that Zhao Hai made some time ago. In fact, all 18 techniques had their own versions that didn’t use faith power. They were easy to practice because they only used spiritual qi. However, they were still immensely powerful techniques, much more powerful than the techniques that the World of Cultivation had.

Zhao Hai didn't make these techniques in preparation for events like the one right now. Instead, he made these techniques for the Undead to study. He didn't expect he would have a use for it right now.

If he took out the real Pagoda Technique, then these old monks would certainly be able to tell that it was a technique that used faith power. When the time comes, Zhao Hai wouldn't be able to explain himself.

Before long, Zhao Hai finished writing down the technique. Then he opened his eyes and respectfully offered the jade slip as he said, "Grandmaster, please take a look."

The old monk waves his hand as the jade slip appears on top of it. Then he inspected it with his spiritual force. After some time, the old monk nodded and said, "Benefactor Zhao Hai, how did you make your Undead? Why are they much more powerful than average?"

Hearing the old monk, Zhao Hai couldn't help but sneer deep inside. These old monks clearly wanted to get everything out of him before giving up. But he still respectfully replied, "Replying to Grandmaster. I didn't make the Undead on my own. The reason the Undead are powerful was because I was able to obtain a black staff back in the lower realms. As long as I use that staff, the Undead created would be very powerful. Moreover, it's not limited by quantity."

The old monk replied, "I wonder if Benefactor Zhao Hai can take out the staff so that we can take a look."

Zhao Hai awkwardly said, "Replying to Grandmaster, this magic staff has already been integrated to my Liquid Silver."

The old monk paused, then he followed on, "Then could Benefactor Zhao Hai take out Liquid Silver for us to take a look?"

Zhao Hai complied. He waved his hand and took Liquid Silver out. Then he handed it over to the old monk. The old monk received Liquid Silver by waving his hand. Seeing that there was nothing special about the staff after initial inspection, he said, "I wonder if Benefactor Zhao Hai's staff could transfer owners?"

Zhao Hai replied, "Replying to Grandmaster. This staff is already recognized as its owner. It cannot be used by anyone."

Another monk looked at Zhao Hai and said with a booming voice, "I ask Benefactor Zhao Hai to hand it over!"

Without delay, Zhao Hai's palm went straight towards his head. It was going to kill Zhao Hai!

Just as Zhao Hai's palm was about to hit his head, the old monk waved his hand to stop Zhao Hai's action.

Then the old monk solemnly said, "Alright, Benefactor, please receive your staff. This old monk has no interest in it."

Hearing this, Zhao Hai took Liquid Silver back. The old monk looked at Zhao Hai and said, "Young Benefactor, please go back." Zhao Hai gave the old monks a salute before leaving the room.

Chapter 1437: Detective Race Xia Baichuan[1]

After Zhao Hai went out, the monk that urged Zhao Hai said, "Senior Brother, what do you think of him? Do you think that he's lying?"

The old monk shook his head and said, "This old monk could see that he's not acting strange. After all, he's under Junior Brother's Mischievous Rock Technique."

As soon as the others heard the old monk, their shut eyes relaxed. The monk that urged Zhao Hai studied the Mischievous Rock Technique. Its name didn't mean that it was a defensive method. Instead, it was a spiritual attack that made the target agree easily. It was similar to Zhao Hai's enlightenment technique but was a few levels lower.

The monk who talked to Zhao Hai said, "If this is the case, then there's nothing else to investigate about this person. He might just be fortunate to obtain several Buddhist Techniques. Moreover, we gained a special technique to help us control large artifacts."

The other monks nodded, then one of them said, "It seems like he's a very lucky person. Have Kong Miao be friends with him." The other monks nodded, then silence returned to the room once more.

When Zhao Hai returned to his residence, he couldn't help but wipe a cold sweat from his forehead. Naturally, he didn't get affected by the Mischievous Rock Technique. He has a much more formidable technique in hand, so how could he be affected by a lower-level technique?

Actually, Zhao Hai gambled that the old monks wouldn't kill him. After all, if he was killed, then the World of Cultivation's troops would erupt.

He was now a man of merit in the World of Cultivation. If these monks disregarded his contributions, then the World of Cultivation's foundation would crumble. The realm would crumble even without the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Zhao Hai discovered that the grievances between the Buddhists and the Daoists in the World of Cultivation wasn't small at all. Although Jianyi was cooperating with Kong Miao, it was impossible for Kong Miao to order him. Meanwhile, Jianyi took very good care of Zhao Hai not only because of his connection to the Profound Clear Sect, but also the fact that he was considered part of the sect here in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

Zhao Hai understood that Jianyi already treats him as the representative of the Profound Clear Sect's younger generation in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. If he suddenly dies, then Jianyi would definitely do something.

Although Jianyi was only at the Severed Soul Stage and the Profound Clear Sect doesn't have any Immortal Stage Experts in the Ten-thousand Realm battlefield, once Jianyi reports that something happened to Zhao Hai, the Profound Clear Sect would certainly hold the Buddhists accountable. When that time comes, for the Profound Clear Sect, instead of letting the Buddhists get a lot of benefits in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, they might as well have everyone not get anything at all.

Because of this, Zhao Hai dared to use his palm to strike his head. He bet that the old monks wouldn't allow him to die. If he bet correctly, then all suspicious about him would disappear. And if he doesn't die, he could only benefit the World of Cultivation in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

And he bet correctly. The old monks didn't allow him to die and prevented him from striking his head. Moreover, it eliminated any suspicion towards him. This was the result that Zhao Hai wanted to see.

What just happened was Zhao Hai's battle of wits against the old Buddhist monks. To be honest, although there really wasn't any fighting involved, it was the most dangerous thing that happened to him lately. If things didn't go well, then the monks might suddenly attack him. If he wasn't killed, then he would be imprisoned. Even if he escaped using the Space, then he would no longer have any place in the World of Cultivation. All of his preparations in the World of Cultivation would vanish. It was for this reason that Zhao Hai didn't hesitate to hand over the modified version of the Pagoda Technique.

Although the Pagoda Technique was a simplified version of the original and wasn't as powerful, it could be considered to be a rare technique in the World of Cultivation. Normally, Zhao Hai wouldn't take it out.

But this time, the situation was different. Zhao Hai knew clearly that if he didn't dispel the monks' suspicions, he would suffer troubles in the future. So he had to hand it over.

Sure enough, by doing this, Zhao Hai dispelled the suspicions of the old monks. Instead, the monks thought that he was followed by luck, so they would be good to him in the future.

Luck was intangible and couldn't be willingly acquired. It was much more mysterious than faith power. However, Cultivators regarded it with great importance. If one wasn't lucky, then they wouldn't be able to progress far even if they were talented.

Zhao Hai displayed his luck, which not only made the monks not offend him, but also look at him with importance. This was the result Zhao Hai wanted.

After listening to the last words of the monks, Zhao Hai calmed down. He knew that this case was closed. But he was also curious about what plans the old monks had for the current situation.

But unfortunately, after dealing with Zhao Hai, the old monks no longer conversed. This caused Zhao Hai to be disappointed. He couldn't understand why these monks were silent about the World of Cultivation's life and death.

Actually, what Zhao Hai doesn't know was that these Immortal Stage Experts had the same situation as Transcending Tribulation Experts back in the Six Realms Battlefield. As long as the situation doesn't threaten extermination, they wouldn't step in to act. The Hundred Treasures Realm had yet to arrive, naturally these old monks wouldn't make any pre-emptive moves. This was because Immortal Stage Experts weren't usually permitted to make moves in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

When Zhao Hai and the others passed information about the Hundred Treasures Realm, these old monks already made the proper arrangements. Naturally, they no longer need to plan anything at this point.

Seeing that the old monks were doing nothing, Zhao Hai shifted his attention to the Octopus Islands. He wanted to see what the Hundred Treasures Realm would do.

Tang Jie was currently having a headache. Although he stabilized everyone's mood and boosted everyone's morale, the situation with the Octopus Islands remained unsolved.

However, Tang Jie didn't wait too long. Four hours after they settled into the islands, the people from the Detective Race arrived. Speaking of which, the Detective Race was a legendary existence in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

The Detective Race wasn't a strong group. When they first entered the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, they were just a low-grade realm. They were often robbed by other people. It could be said that it was the Detective Race's lowest point.

But later on, the ability of the Detective Race became valuable to the high-grade realms. There was an Immortal Stage Expert whose direct descendant was killed in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield and he couldn't find out who did it. In the end, he heard about the ability of the Detective Race and had them find out how their descendant died.

And the Detective Race didn't disappoint the Immortal Stage Expert. They used their divergent technique and found the killer. The Immortal Expert was enraged and destroyed the realm where the killer was in. This realm was a lower-grade realm that was under a high-grade realm. Generally, these kinds of realms don't have any Immortal Realm Experts to protect them. It was because of this that the Immortal Expert was able to eradicate the realm.

The consequence of this matter resulted in a discussion banning Immortal Stage Experts from leaving their realm's territories. This custom has been studied by the World of Cultivation and applied into the Six Realms Battlefield.

The influence of this matter was big, but its effect on the Detective Race was profound. The ability of the Detective Race was finally revealed and high-grade realms began to approach them for their services. This was because all realms had their own disciples training in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. If those disciples die, then the loss to these realms wouldn't be small. Therefore, realms began to protect the Detective Race in order to use their abilities. Because of this, the status of the Detective Race in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield rose. It was no longer bullied by other medium and low-grade realms.

As time went on, the Detective Race formed many connections and became an aloof group in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. There were no groups who didn't ask the Detective Race for help whenever something happened. Because of this, they became respected by everyone. Although they were weak, their ability to recreate events was something that everyone needed.

The Detective Race was also aware that their ability allowed them to take root in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. With this ability, they simply don't need to collect any resources. As long as they need something, others would give it in exchange for their services. With their ability, they were able to get benefits with little to no danger.

Once they discovered this, the Detective Race made full use of their ability. At this time, in addition to their ability, the Detective Race developed a system of interrogation, evidence gathering, and other actions that could help in finding out the truth of what happened. With this, the Detective Race became known for their investigation rate of 100%

Because of this, when the Detective Race representative arrived, Tang Jie and the others didn't dare neglect the treatment towards them. They immediately welcomed him into the island. The person was a middle-aged man wearing a hat, glasses, a tailcoat, and a walking stick.

Although this man looked quite old, he still appeared charming. The traces left by time could be seen on his face, which looked appealing.

Besides this person, there's also several people wearing masks and black clothing. Naturally, these were the people sent by the Hundred Treasures Realm to be bodyguards.

Tang Jie bowed to the middle-aged man and said, "Friend, please come in." The strength of this Detective Race gentleman was only at the Nascent Soul level. Normally, Tang Jie wouldn't greet people at this stage. However, Tang Jie was polite to this man. This showed how much prestige the Detective Race had in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

The Detective Race gentleman was polite as well as he bowed and said, "Xia Baichuan as seen Senior Tang Jie. Senior is too polite, this Baichuan is merely a commoner. I wouldn't dare become Senior's friend. Senior, just call me Baichuan."

Tang Jie appreciated Xia Baichuan's politeness, he smiled and said, "Then let me be impolite, I'll call you Baichuan from now on."

A young man looking like he was 20 years old was being treated as an elder by a middle-aged man. This situation might look strange, but it was very common among Cultivators. Cultivators speak with their strength. Even if you entered a sect early, but if you weren't strong, then nobody would treat you as an elder. At the same time, even if you entered the sect late, but was able to cultivate quickly and become strong, then you could become an elder. Even Sect Masters would bow down to stronger elders. This was the realm of strength and brutality.

Xia Baichuan followed Tang Jie into the Octopus Islands. The instant he entered the Octopus Islands, Xia Baichuan frowned. The aura around Octopus Islands was very chaotic. This would be a difficult case to solve.

Tang Jie has been paying attention to Xia Baichuan's reaction. Seeing him knit his brows, Tang Jie quickly asked, "Baichuan, is there something wrong?"

Hearing Tang Jie's words, Xia Baichuan immediately replied, "Replying to Senior's words, this one felt that the spiritual qi in the Octopus Island is very chaotic. Moreover, it seems like a battle happened here. This situation would be quite difficult to process."

Tang Jie couldn't help but frown as he asked, "Will this affect your investigation?"

Xia Baichuan nodded and said, "Having a chaotic environment would greatly affect our ability. Sometimes, we might not be able to reconstruct the proper scenario. However, Senior can rest assured. Even if some mistakes appear in the scenario, it's impossible for it to be very far from the truth."

Hearing Xia Baichuan, Tang Jie nodded and said, "Alright, there's no need to hurry. You should take a rest first. It's not too late for you to investigate later."

1.I decided to change Scouting Race -> Detective Race since it seemed more accurate

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Xia Baichuan didn't decline and went along with Tang Jie's arrangement. Looking at Xia Baichuan, Tang Jie let out a sigh.

Tang Jie has seen the Detective Race reconstruct a scenario before. Reconstruction wasn't easy and needed a lot of preparatory work. This was especially true for a place with chaotic qi. All preparations needed to be completed otherwise the investigation would fail.

Although Tang Jie was worried, he also knew that he couldn't rush the result. This was related to the lives of 1000 people.

Even if he was almost certain that his people suffered a misfortune, Tang Jie still wanted to see how they died. If only the World of Cultivation made a move, then he wouldn't be afraid. The problem would be if the Giant Spirit Realm was somewhat involved.

Tang Jie has some understanding about the first group who came. Although they weren't able to use their normal artifacts, these people still underwent training on handling glaives. Moreover, these people were selected for their strength. Even if there were 3000 people from the World of Cultivation, this group of 1000 from the Hundred Treasures Realm could still deal with them. This group shouldn't have any problems dealing with the World of Cultivation.

Moreover, the Xu Race was there to provide help. Tang Jie didn't think that the Xu Race had the guts to betray them from the beginning. The Xu Race were bandits and knew how to adjust to any situation. If they weren't compelled, then they wouldn't have betrayed the Hundred Treasures Realm. Was there anything that made the Xu Race bow their heads to the World of Cultivation? In fact, there was one thing, an immediate threat to their race. If that was the case, then there's reason for the Xu Race to side with the World of Cultivation.

Tang Jie wasn't a fool. In the beginning, he didn't take his mission very seriously. But when he arrived at the Octopus Islands and saw the situation, he couldn't help but be serious.

After taking this matter seriously, Tang Jie thought about the various details of the situation. And he could almost guess what happened. However, Tang Jie was still confused about the situation on Octopus Islands. So to be safe, he called over the Detective Race for help.

It was precisely because of these thoughts that Tang Jie didn't think that the World of Cultivation was completely behind this matter. The World of Cultivation just wasn't strong enough, so he suspected the involvement of the Giant Spirit Realm. If the Giant Spirit Realm was indeed involved, then this meant that the Giant Spirit Realm had long since known the plan of the Hundred Treasures Realm. If that was really the case, then that would be bad news for the Hundred Treasures Realm.

Although Tang Jie was arrogant and thought that he could be victorious against the Giant Spirit Realm, he still didn't underestimate them. He was also a cultivator that crawled up into his position from being a low-level expert. It was impossible for people of his stature to be naive and clueless. Therefore, seeing the situation, Tang Jie wasn't afraid and instead treated it as a smelting trial. He was confident in himself but still didn't underestimate the Giant Spirit Realm. He was aware that underestimating an opponent would only lead to one's death.

It was very important for Tang Jie and the Hundred Treasures Realm to find out whether the Giant Spirit Realm was involved in this matter or not. In order to deal with the Giant Spirit Realm, the Hundred Treasures Realm made a lot of preparations over a long time. If the death of the 1000 people was really related to the Giant Spirit Realm, then this meant that the Giant Spirit Realm had long known of their plan. But if the Giant Spirit Realm wasn't involved, then this meant that the plan was still a secret. This information would be the basis of the Hundred Treasures Realm's future actions.

Because of this, Tang Jie even invited someone from the Detective Race over. Now that someone from the Detective Race was here, Tang Jie's mood calmed down. He understood that no matter if the Giant Spirit Realm was involved or not, the Hundred Treasures Realm would still fight them sooner or later.

Xia Baichuan could also understand the thoughts of the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm, so he didn't rest for a long time. After eating a pill and adjusting his breathing, he went out of his room.

Tang Jie has been paying attention to Xia Baichuan's room all this time. As soon as Xia Baichuan came out, he immediately greeted Tang Jie, "Senior, Baichuan is ready."

Tang Jie nodded and said, "Alright, do we need to prepare anything?"

Xia Baichuan looked all around, then he said, "I'll have to look around first." Tang Jie nodded and waved his hand.

Xia Baichuan flew all around Octopus Islands. He moved slowly and would sometimes stop. He conducted a careful investigation of the island. The more Xia Baichuan observed, the more serious his face became.

Xia Baichuan felt that the spiritual qi and the traces of battle on the island were very strange. He couldn't make any sense of it. From the traces of battle, he knew that a fight happened here and both sides used large artifacts. Moreover, Xia Baichuan could feel the spiritual qi coming from the people of the Hundred Treasures Realm, Xu Race, and the World of Cultivation.

The Detective Race no longer focused on getting stronger combat power and instead they focused on restoring the scenario and finding the truth. Because of this, they had a deep understanding of the aura of various realms. Naturally, it was impossible for them to know the aura of the various realms in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Therefore, the Detective Race divided regions into their members. So when a request comes, someone assigned to the area could take action.

Xia Baichuan happens to be the person assigned to this specific region. Therefore, he has some understanding regarding the World of Cultivation as well as the Xu Race.

Xia Baichuan felt really puzzled. The fighting on the island seemed very fierce at first look, but once you look into it, it was far from fierce. The reason for the damage was the fact that the battle happened close to the ground.

Most people might not be able to detect the difference, but Xia Baichuan could. He underwent specialized training for things like these.

Although has a faint understanding as to how these traces happened, Xia Baichuan didn't dare come to a conclusion early. This was because it was related to the Hundred Treasures Realm.

The Detective Race held a high position in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, but they had always been humble. Whether they were in front of a high-grade realm or a low-grade realm, they always position themselves in a lower position. It was precisely because of this attitude that they became the most popular group in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. Even a Nascent Soul Expert like Xia Baichuan wouldn't be robbed if he walked alone in the battlefield. People gave him face because he was from the Detective Race.

The reason why the Detective Race had this attitude was because they were aware of their history. They acquired their present status not through combat power but because of their usefulness to the other realms in the battlefield. Those people pushed them up to where they were now. If they showed a bit of arrogance, then those people would be offended and the Detective Race would fall from grace. When that happens, the Detective Race's fate wouldn't be good.

After carefully assessing the situation of the island, Xia Baichuan went to Tang Jie. Seeing Xia Baichuan's expression, Tang Jie asked, "Baichuan, did you manage to find anything?"

Xia Baichuan nodded and said, "I have something. I found out that the fierceness of the battle is far from what we imagined. Although there are traces of heavy battle, this was because the fight happened near the ground, not because the fight was intense. However, this is only my initial judgement. We still need to reconstruct the scene in order to see more."

Tang Jie nodded, his complexion sunk. He knew what Xia Baichuan's words meant. Xia Baichuan suspected the battle to happen close to the ground which meant that there were two possibilities to this. First, they were truly close to the ground when they fought. However, the possibility for this to be true was very low. Almost all of the battles between cultivators happen far from the ground. This was a habit that formed after multiple years, especially in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield.

The Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield was filled with treasure. Therefore, when two groups fight, they prefer it far from the ground so as to not damage the land. If the battle happens on land, then precious resources might be destroyed in the process. Although the Octopus Islands was a base in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, it was still hard for a habit to be ignored. Therefore, Tang Jie didn't believe that they just fought near the ground.

If this wasn't the case, then there's another possibility. Someone did this in order to make a fake battle scenario!

When he thought of this, Tang Jie's complexion couldn't help but turn ugly. If the situation in the Octopus Islands was truly a fake, then this meant that his guesses from before were wrong.

Tang Jie was smart, so he immediately thought that he had fallen into a trap. He was certain that it was the World of Cultivation that did this. They arranged a fake scenario here in order to stall for time. Once this happens, then the Giant Spirit Realm might have enough time to send help.

The more he thought about it, the more reasonable it appeared. Tang Jie's complexion turned uglier. But at this time, Xia Baichuan began to recreate the scenario.

Chapter 1439: Yan Dong

Naturally, Zhao Hai was aware of the events in the Octopus Islands. However, he doesn't have any time to care about it right now. This was because Kong Miao was looking for him in order to meet a person, someone from the Giant Spirit Realm.

It has already been several hours since the attack by the Hundred Spirits Realm was passed over to the Giant Spirit Realm. A Giant Spirit Realm base wasn't far from this area, so it only took a few hours for a response to be made. Kong Miao received word from the higher-ups that the Giant Spirit Realm wants the transmission formation opened so that they could send someone over.

The higher-ups had Kong Miao arrange the reception of the Giant Spirit Realm. This furthermore showed how much importance Kong Miao had in their minds. Kong Miao understood what the higher-ups wanted but he wasn't experienced in these types of things. Then he remembered Zhao Hai. With how Zhao Hai dealt with the Xu Race, he should know about these kinds of things. Because of this, he had Zhao Hai receive the people from the Giant Spirit Realm alongside him.

Naturally, Zhao Hai agreed. He also wanted to take a look at the Giant Spirit Realm. Zhao Hai already experienced the strength of the Hundred Treasures Realm. Therefore, he was curious about the Hundred Treasures Realm's enemy.

As Zhao Hai headed out, Mo Sheng followed behind him. In any case, Mo Sheng wouldn't carelessly speak, so Zhao Hai didn't mind and allowed him to follow. The three went out of the cave residence and then flew towards the place where the transmission formations were.

Before long, the three arrived at the cave. A lot of people were already inside. The majority of them were Severed Soul Experts of the World of Cultivation. There are also experts from the Xu Race. Altogether, they numbered close to 40 people.

Zhao Hai stared, this was because he knew that all of these Severed Soul Experts were essentially the bulk of the strength of the two realms here in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. All of them were here to greet the Giant Spirit Realm.

Zhao Hai didn't really think that the World of Cultivation and the Xu Race would attach great importance to the arrival of the Giant Spirit Realm. So many Severed Soul Experts were here to receive them.

When these Severed Soul Experts saw Kong Miao, they immediately greeted him. Then when they noticed Zhao Hai's group, they couldn't help but become confused. These Severed Soul Experts naturally knew Zhao Hai, but they didn't think that Kong Miao would bring him this time. Among the Severed Soul Experts present, only Zhao Hai and the others were at the Nascent Soul Stage, this made them look like chickens among cranes.

Zhao Hai didn't say anything and just smiled faintly and gave the Severed Soul Experts a salute. There were also a large number of Severed Soul Experts who returned the salute. Most of them were from the Xu Race while there were also a few from the World of Cultivation.

These people didn't dare ignore Zhao Hai due to the fact that they were able to witness his strength. Zhao Hai showed abilities that Severed Soul Experts don't have, so he earned the respect of these experts.

On the other hand, those who didn't participate in the battle were somewhat confused. They don't understand how Zhao Hai was able to gain the respect of all these experts.

Zhao Hai didn't care about these. After giving a salute to these experts, he silently stood behind Kong Miao while Mo Sheng stood further behind. Mo Sheng seems like he didn't notice that there were other people present.

Not long after Kong Miao arrived, the large transmission formation in front of them lit up. Then the figures of people began to appear.

These people weren't wearing robes but instead plate armor. They had iron headbands as well as iron gauntlets. They towered over two meters in height and each one had muscles that looked like cast iron.

These people looked very similar to Mo Sheng. One could see at first glance that they were outstanding body cultivators. There were 50 people altogether led by a Severed Soul Expert.

The Severed Soul Expert looked like Zhang Fei with his iron coronet. His face is as rigid as the bottom of a pot. He had a rich beard and his eyes were like copper bells.

At this moment, Kong Miao stepped forward as he gave a bow and said, "Kong Miao has seen the great people from the Giant Spirit Realm. Seniors, welcome." As soon as they heard Kong Miao, everyone else followed, "Seniors, welcome."

Contrary to what Zhao Hai imagined, the people from the Giant Spirit Realm weren't arrogant. Their leader immediately returned the greeting and said, "Grandmaster Kong Miao is too polite. I've heard of your name before. I am Giant Spirit Realm's Yan Dong. I have seen everyone." Although his speech was very polite, his voice boomed inside the ears of everyone present.

He didn't intentionally enhance his voice nor shouted, his voice was just this loud. After both sides exchanged greetings, Yan Dong's group got out of the transmission formation. Then Kong Miao arranged them places to rest in. At the same time, Kong Miao took Yan Dong to the stronghold's great hall.

This hall was a place to receive honored guests. However, Zhao Hai and Mo Sheng also followed behind. Yan Dong was also paying attention to Zhao Hai. It's possible that he recognized him so he was sizing Zhao Hai up.

Before long, the group arrived at the great hall. In addition to Kong Miao, there was also Xu Ning and Jianyi as well as other Severed Soul Experts. Among these people were experts from the Devil Realm, Spirit Realm, Elven Realm, and Demon Realm. If Zhao Hai was included as someone from the Machine Field, then all realms in the World of Cultivation were present. Besides the World of Cultivation, Xu Wuzun was also present as the representative of the Xu Race.

Everyone took a seat. Zhao Hai sat on the last seat while Mo Sheng stood behind him. Yan Dong couldn't help but take a look at Mo Sheng. Mo Sheng's body was able to attract his attention, giving him a good impression of Mo Sheng.

After the group sat down, Kong Miao turned to Yan Dong and said, "Senior, you should already have a general understanding of the situation. Do you have any questions?"

Kong Miao went straight to the point, which was to Yan Dong's liking. Yan Dong smiled and said, "I have a gist of the matter, but I need further details."

Kong Miao turned to Zhao Hai. Zhao Hai bowed towards Yan Dong and said, "Senior, this Zhao Hai will be impolite." Then after he said that, Zhao Hai waves his hand as he took out an Undead with black clothing. This Undead was naturally from the Hundred Treasures Realm.

After taking out the Undead, Zhao Hai commanded, "Introduce yourself and your plan." The Undead complied and immediately introduced itself as well as elaborating on the Hundred Treasures Realm's plan.

The Undead that Zhao Hai released wasn't an ordinary soldier but instead the leader of the group. Because of its rank, it was aware of the Hundred Treasures Realm's plans. Although he wasn't aware of the specific detail, he could still give a general idea of the plan.

Once the Undead finished talking, Yan Dong's expression sank. Anger could be seen in his eyes. He didn't expect the Hundred Treasures Realm to make a move at this time. Just as the Hundred Treasures Realm expected, the Giant Spirit Realm was experiencing problems with their manpower. They had a shortage of strong experts from the younger generation. Although it wasn't a huge problem at this time, it would surely affect their strength in the future.

The Hundred Treasures Realm wanted to kick them while they were having problems, so how could Yan Dong not be angry? When the Undead finished talking, Yan Dong asked further questions and then stopped. Then Zhao Hai received the Undead.

Yan Dong looked at Zhao Hai and then smiled as he said, "You're Zhao Hai? I heard that you're very good at controlling large artifacts. Good, a realm man should use large artifacts unlike those fellows from the

Hundred Treasures Realm. Every one of them use embroidery needles like their grandmothers. They're annoying to look at."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and replied, "This Zhao Hai is honored that the Senior knows my name."

Yan Dong laughed and said, "Your name isn't common here in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. People who use large artifacts are also rare. You actually made a name for yourself by using large artifacts, that isn't easy to do."

Zhao Hai smiled and said, "I am just taking advantage of large artifacts. It's nothing to be proud of."

Yan Dong waved his hand and no longer continued to batner. He turned to Kong Miao and said, "Grandmaster Kong Miao, this discovery is very important to the Giant Spirit Realm. Let this Yan Dong offer you our thanks."

Kong Miao smiled and immediately said, "Senior is too polite. The World of Cultivation relies on the Giant Spirit Realm for protection. It's natural for us to report this matter after finding out about it."

Yan Dong nodded and said, "This is something that I need to report back personally. I cannot delay here. Grandmaster Kong Miao, I'll have to ask to be excused."

Kong Miao smiled and said, "No problem, it's as it should be. However, I'll have to ask Senior for help. The World of Cultivation and the Xu Race offended the Hundred Treasures Realm, and now there are 3000 people sent after us. They're currently on the Octopus Islands. I'm afraid it wouldn't be long before they attack us. We can't defend with just our strength, so I hope that Senior could help us ask for reinforcements from the Giant Spirit Realm."

Upon hearing Kong Miao, Yan Dong couldn't help but stare. He looked at Kong Miao and asked, "Where did you obtain this information? Are they really at Octopus Islands?"

Kong Miao nodded and said, "It's true. We just came back from the Octopus Islands. And not long after we left, the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm arrived. I don't know when they'll come here, but I'm afraid it won't be long until they arrive here."

Without waiting for Yan Dong to reply, Zhao Hai stood up and bowed towards Kong Miao before saying, "Grandmaster, I have something to say."

Kong Miao stared, but he immediately said, "Little Hai? Did you discover something? Are the people from the Hundred Treasures Realm here?"

- Zhang Fei was a military general under Liu Bei, brother of Guan Yu.

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Before Zhao Hai could answer, Kong Miao turned to Yan Dong and explained, "Senior, Little Hai is a Dark Mage. He has undead could provide him with surveillance and they couldn't be easily discovered. This is the reason why he could obtain information very quickly."

Upon hearing Kong Miao, Yan Dong turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Since Grandmaster Kong Miao calls you Little Hai, then I'll call you Little Hai as well. You can address me as Uncle Yan. So what did you discover?"

Zhao Hai bowed to Yan Dong and said, "Thank you, Uncle Yan. It would take a while before the Hundred Treasures Realm could come to us. The deceptive measures we installed on the Octopus Islands were quite effective. The Hundred Treasures Realm have asked the Detective Race for help. It would take a few hours before they could make a move, so Uncle Yan still has time. However, it won't be long. The Hundred Treasures Realm would be here in a day or so."

Yan Dong nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll go immediately. Rest assured, reinforcement will be sent. Those who came with me will stay here. I'll head back to dispatch more troops over here."

Kong Miao and the others stood up and said, "Thank you Senior Yan." Yan Dong waved his hand and walked outwards.

The group escorted Yan Dong to the transmission formation. After a flash of white light, Yan Dong disappeared from the transmission formation. Once Yan Dong vanished, Kong Miao turned to Zhao Hai and said, "Little Hai, come with me." Zhao Hai nodded as he led Mo Sheng to follow Kong Miao.

The two entered Kong Miao's cave residence before long. After inviting Zhao Hai to take a seat, Kong Miao looked at him and said, "Little Hai, now that the Detective Race is involved, the Hundred Treasures Realm would certainly be aware of the situation. Do you think we should make some arrangements?"

Zhao Hai nodded and said, "We should. It's best if we can do it right now. The Detective Race should be taking a rest after arriving, then he would investigate the situation. After knowing the truth, they would head out from Octopus Islands. We should have a few days to prepare."

Kong Miao nodded, "Alright, then we'll make preparations. However, didn't you say that we only have one day or so? If the Giant Spirit Realm thinks that we deceived them, then they might get offended."

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Grandmaster, don't worry. We provided a great contribution to the Giant Spirit Realm, so they wouldn't think bad of us. And we can also find other reasons as to why the Hundred Treasures Realm was delayed on the Octopus Islands. We need all the time we need for the Giant Spirit Realm to reinforce us."

Kong Miao understood what Zhao Hai wanted to do. Zhao Hai wanted to report an earlier time in order to reduce the risk of the Giant Spirit Realm coming late. Otherwise, the losses to the World of Cultivation would be very heavy. Zhao Hai could make reasons for a couple of days of delay so they wouldn't suffer heavy losses.

Kong Miao approves of Zhao Hai's methods. The rule of survival for lower-ranked realms was to accumulate as little loss as possible. If their losses were too big, then even if they were protected by a high-grade realm, their future development wouldn't be great.

Kong Miao nodded and said, "Alright, then I'll immediately relay to the higher ups that we need to prepare. Although we have formations erected in the stronghold, we can still add a few more just in case the worst happens."

Zhao Hai nodded. Although they have a transmission formation that can be used to return to the World of Cultivation at any time, as long as they go back, then the transmission formation in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield would be destroyed. When the time comes, the World of Cultivation wouldn't be able to return for a long time. They might not even be able to return.

The importance of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield shouldn't be underestimated. If they lost the means to come here, then the World of Cultivation would lose a great source of valuable resources. This would be very harmful for the future development of the World of Cultivation. Therefore, they absolutely cannot return to the World of Cultivation.

The Xu Race's situation was the same. If it weren't for the rich resources of the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield, then they would have already returned to their realm and destroyed the transmission formation. Even if the Hundred Treasures Realm wanted to chase them down, they would be having a hard time doing so.

However, the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield was just too appealing. Whether it be the World of Cultivation or the Xu Race, nobody wanted to give up on their place on the battlefield.

The World of Cultivation's stronghold was built very well. It can be said that it was easy to defend but difficult to attack. But if the guardian formation gets broken and enemies were to kill their way in, then things would get a little troublesome. Although there were still traps laid on the base, one shouldn't forget how powerful the enemies were. With their strength, they would no doubt detect the traps. Without the traps, the World of Cultivation would certainly face a very difficult battle.

Therefore, it wouldn't be bad for the World of Cultivation to prepare in advance. This time, they wouldn't be placing trap formations but combat formations instead. Combat formations used flags and disks to set up. As long as the formation wasn't activated, it wouldn't emit any energy fluctuations at all. Naturally, they wouldn't be discovered in advance.

When the fight begins, the enemy would be led into the combat formations before activating it. Then once the formation was activated, it could be controlled however the controller wishes. This was a method that most cultivators use.

And with the World of Cultivation's Transcending Tribulation Experts, they would set up several of these combat formations in order to help them fight. Even if they weren't good at formations, they can still figure out how to use it.

It can be said that combat formations became a part of the World of Cultivation's strength. Almost everyone used it. What Kong Miao meant with preparations were exactly these combat formations.

Besides using it for the battle, Kong Miao also has another purpose in setting up these combat formations. He wanted the people from the Giant Spirit Realm to see the World of Cultivation being busy as though the Hundred Treasures Realm was about to arrive. If the Hundred Treasures Realm was delayed, then it had nothing to do with the World of Cultivation.

Even if Zhao Hai wasn't doing anything, he still followed Kong Miao around. Seeing the Transcending Tribulation Experts arrange combat formations, Zhao Hai looked at Kong Miao and said, "Grandmaster, won't the Immortal Stage Experts assume command when the fight begins? Why do I see everyone so anxious?"

Kong Miao sighed, then he smiled bitterly and said, "It couldn't be helped. Although we have formidable Immortal Stage Experts, they couldn't move as they want in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield. And as soon as our Immortal Experts move, the Hundred Treasures Realm's Immortal Experts would move as well. Don't think that even though there's a rule forbidding Immortal Realm Experts from attacking in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield the high-grade realms couldn't find a workaround for it. For high-grade realms, they couldn't easily find an excuse to send their Immortal Experts out of their territory. To put it bluntly, those rules are for us, not for them."

Zhao Hai didn't make a noise. He knew that in any legal system, the rules were always decided by a small number of people. And these small number of people would be above the law. Using laws against them was simply useless.

Kong Miao didn't mind Zhao Hai's silence, he sighed and said, "We are weak, so we can only be bullied. But I believe that there would come a day where the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield wouldn't underestimate the World of Cultivation."

Zhao Hai was taken aback by what Kong Miao said. He really didn't expect Kong Miao to have such ideals. When Kong Miao noticed that Zhao Hai was silent, he couldn't help but turn his head towards him and said, "What? Do you think that I have a foolish dream?"

Zhao Hai shook his head, then he smiled faintly and said, "It's not. But I didn't expect Grandmaster to have such a huge ambition. Since Grandmaster has a big dream, then I might be able to lend you a hand."

Kong Miao was stunned at what Zhao Hai said, he looked at Zhao Hai and asked, "Lend me a hand?" Zhao Hai wasn't the only person he told of this before. He told his friends in the past but all he got was ridicule. In the minds of these people, Kong Miao's dream was too big.

This was the first time he heard from someone that they would help him. This caused Kong Miao to stare. Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he looked at Kong Miao and said, "Grandmaster, have you forgotten who I am? I'm a Dark Mage. Now that I have Undead from the Hundred Treasures Realm, I can have them write down their cultivation methods. As long as we practice those cultivation methods, then won't our World of Cultivation prosper?"

Upon hearing Zhao Hai, an expression of glee appeared on Kong Miao's face. He looked at Zhao Hai with shining eyes as he said, "Really? You can record the cultivation methods of the Hundred Treasures Realm?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly as he threw a jade slip towards Kong Miao. Then he said, "This is a recorded cultivation method of the Hundred Treasures Realm. Have a look."

Zhao Hai has been in the Ten-thousand Realm Battlefield for some time, so he knew clearly that there were divisions between the strengths of the realms. Besides overall combat power, this division was also brought about by the difference in cultivation methods.

Take Kong Miao for example, if he wasn't able to study his special Buddhist Cultivation Method, then it would be impossible for him to reach his current stage in a short time. Cultivation methods are extremely important to cultivators.

After careful consideration, Zhao Hai decided to give Kong Miao a cultivation method of the Hundred Spirit Realm. He believes that even if he doesn't give it over, Kong Miao would still think about it sooner or later. When the time comes, Kong Miao would think that he was a selfish person and begin to watch out for him. If Zhao Hai was suppressed, then his life wouldn't become any better.

Even if he gave the cultivation method to Kong Miao, this didn't mean that he couldn't give this cultivation method to other people. He can give it to Huang Daoran, Feng Baiming, Louis, and anyone he wants.

The Hundred Treasures Realm's cultivation methods were much stronger compared to the World of Cultivation. As long as the Profound Clear Sect practices them, then one day they might catch up to the strength of the Buddhists.

However, these techniques wouldn't be as good for the Machine Field. After all, the concentration of spiritual qi in the Machine Field wasn't as rich as the Cultivation Realm.

Because of this, Zhao Hai plans on propping up the strength of the Profound Clear Sect. So when the Profound Clear Sect becomes as strong as the Buddhist Path, then he could help the Machine Field through them, allowing the Machine Field to slowly increase its strength.

Actually, in addition to the cultivation methods of the Hundred Treasures Realm, Zhao Hai also wanted to learn the cultivation methods of the other realms. He wanted to collect all those methods so that the strength of the World of Cultivation would be truly improved.

Zhao Hai also wants to increase his strength as soon as possible. As long as he becomes stronger, then he could help the World of Cultivation better. He might even come into contact with something he hasn't been exposed to before.

Kong Miao received the jade slip and read its contents. What's inside wasn't an ordinary cultivation method. It allowed a person to progress towards the Severed Soul Stage from Foundation Establishment. It can be said that it wasn't inferior to the cultivation method he has right now. With this cultivation method, they could train a large number of experts in a short time.

Kong Miao had an excited expression as he looked at Zhao Hai. He didn't know what to say for a short time. Zhao Hai looked at Kong Miao and then he smiled faintly and said, "Grandmaster, this is something good for the World of Cultivation. However, I wouldn't only be giving this to you. I'll also hand it over to Grandmaster Jianyi."

Kong Miao stared, then he paused as he said, "Little Hai, you will?"

Zhao Hai smiled faintly and said, "Grandmaster, don't worry, nothing will happen. There needs to be competition in the World of Cultivation. As long as this competitive environment is maintained at a good level, it would only be beneficial to the realm. And with you and me at the helm in the future, those guys wouldn't dare make up any storms."

Kong Miao was shocked, then he understood what Zhao Hai meant. Zhao Hai already treated the two of them on the same level, but Kong Miao didn't mind it. If it wasn't fine with it, then he wouldn't have brought Zhao Hai around the place and discussed matters with him.

After letting out a long breath, Kong Miao nodded and said, "Right, the World of Cultivation needs competition. As long as we're present, nothing should go wrong. Good, now I'm relieved."

Zhao Hai spoke those words as a probe. He wanted to see how Kong Miao would react. If Kong Miao was lying, then Zhao Hai would have to think of ways to deal with him in the future. This was because Kong Miao might want to get rid of the Profound Clear Sect.

But since Kong Miao showed a genuine response, this meant that he really wanted the World of Cultivation to rise up. This was what Zhao Hai wanted to see.